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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to introduce the *National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTAC)*. NSTTAC is a national Technical Assistance and Dissemination center funded from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010 by the U. S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) (Award #H326J050004). NSTTAC's purpose is to assist states in building their capacity to support and improve transition planning, services, and outcomes for youth with disabilities. Toward this goal, NSTTAC will:

- Assist State Education Agencies to collect data on Part B State Performance Plans Indicator 13 and use these data to improve transition services;
  - Indicator 13: Percent of youth aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes coordinated, measurable, annual IEP goals and transition services that will reasonably enable the child to meet the post-secondary goals. [20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B)]
  - An Indicator 13 Checklist is posted on our website for comment
- Generate knowledge that provides a foundation for improving transition services;
- Provide capacity building resources to states and local educational agencies; and
- Disseminate information about effective transition education and services.

While NSTTAC is headquartered at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, center partners include Western Michigan University and Appalachian State University. In addition, NSTTAC is collaborating with two other OSEP funded technical assistance centers whose focus is improving transition services—the National Postschool Outcomes Center (at The University of Oregon) and the National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities (at Clemson University). We will also work closely with the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), the Regional Resource Centers (RRCs), Parent Training and Information Centers, the National High School Center, the National Educational Outcomes Center, and others to build capacity for improving transition services.

Finally, the first NSTTAC Forum will be held in Denver on September 20<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the *National Accountability Conference on Special Education and Early Intervention*. Plan to attend.

To reach us, telephone 704-687-8606 or log on to our website at [www.nsttac.org](http://www.nsttac.org). We look forward to working with you!

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